

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,273,137 to Pravorervov et al.

In the Office Action, claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pravorervov et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,065,411 to Verness.

In the Office Action, claims 13, 15, 17, and 19 are allowed over the prior art of record.

In response thereto, claims 1-12, 18, and 20 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 13, 15, 17, and 19 are now pending and allowed over the prior art of record.

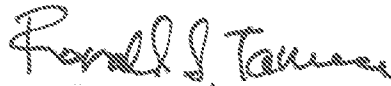
CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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